

### REMARKS

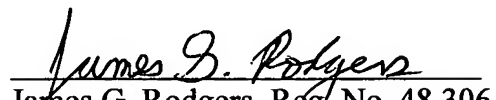
By this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicant hereby cancels claims 8, 13-14, 22, and 27. Claims 1-7, 9-12, 15-21, 23-26, and 28-43 are currently pending. These amendments are not made for any reason related to patentability, but are instead made solely to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(b)(1).

Also filed concurrently herewith is a Suggested Requirement for Restriction Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(c).

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